(b) whether anything has been done to divert the silt which is brought into the channel by the Gangaraddivanka?

A.—(a) It is believed so, but the Government have no definite information; they have called for it.

(b) The matter is under investigation by the Tank Restoration Scheme party now working there.

Judicial and Executive Functions.

Separation of judicial and executive functions.

* 418 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU: With reference to the statement made by the hon. the Law Member at the meeting held on the 6th February 1925 in regard to the separation of judicial and executive functions, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government of India have come to any and if so, what decision in regard to that matter?

A.—No communication has reached this Government regarding this question and presumably therefore no decision has been arrived at.

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo:—"With reference to the answer given to this question, may I ask the hon. the Law Member whether any reminder has been sent to the Government of India?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Yes."

Separation of judicial and executive functions.

*419 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: With reference to the previous debates in the Council, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) if any final order has been received from the Secretary of State for India or from the Government of India about the separation of judicial and executive functions and if so, to what effect;

(b) if no final orders have been received, whether the Government sent up any recommendations or asked for liberty of action in the matter; and

(c) when the Government intend to take any action in the matter?

A.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) When final orders on the subject have been received.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"In view of the fact that the Government have not asked for liberty of action in this matter, and in view of what the hon. the Law Member said at the time of the debate of this question, may I ask whether this Government will not ask for liberty of action now?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"This Government will not take any action until the question has been decided by the Secretary of State and the Government of India."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"Will this Government ask for liberty of action?"

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The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" We were explicitly told that separate action should not be taken until the Secretary of State and the Government of India come to a decision on the matter. No local Government will go forward with any scheme until the policy is settled by the Government of India."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" That is what we were told at the time when this question was discussed on the floor of this House. But in view of the long delay that has occurred, will this Government address the Secretary of State or the Government of India for liberty of action in the matter ?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" We are awaiting a pronouncement from Simla."

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Indian Chamber of Commerce at Tuticorin.

*420 *Q.*—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any knowledge of the working of the Indian Chamber of Commerce at Tuticorin ; and

(*b*) whether it is in the contemplation of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Tuticorin Port Trust Act so as to give the Chamber representation in the Tuticorin Port Trust Board ?

A.—(*a*) The latest information available with Government was obtained last March.

(*b*) Not at present.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" With reference to the answer given in clause (*a*), may I know whether the information obtained was favourable or otherwise ?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" As the hon. Member may easily realise from the answers furnished by Mr. Graham, it is not wholly favourable."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Have not the Government received any information till now regarding the Indian Chamber of Commerce ?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" If the hon. Member is anxious to know how the Indian Chamber of Commerce has worked I will call for the information."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" I suppose a Bill will be introduced this year if the information received is favourable."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" We are awaiting the report of the working of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and when that report is received, it will be placed on the table of this House. Then it will be open to discussion."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Last year it was said that a Bill would be introduced this year or something of that sort. So I request the hon. Member to call for the information and if possible to have a Bill introduced before the end of this year."